GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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YOUTH HOSTELS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Youth Hostels constructed during the last five years, under the Youth Hostels Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether a work of Youth Hostel construction projects have been badly delayed in certain States;

(c) if so, reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken for speedy construction of Youth Hostel buildings for which funds had been sanctioned and released?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) 14 Youth Hostels have been completed so far during the last five years under the Youth Hostels Scheme. The State-wise details are given as under: -

Name of the State	Youth Hostels completed
Andhra Pradesh	2
Assam	1
Goa	1
Haryana	1
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	1
Punjab	1
West Bengal	3
Uttaranchal	2

(b) to (d): The Scheme of Youth Hostel has been conceived as a joint venture of the Central and State Government.While the Central Government bears the cost of construction of the building, the State Govt. provide developed plots of land, measuring 1.5 to 2.00 acres, free of cost, equipped with water, electricity and approach roads. In a number of cases, funds could not be released by the Central Govt. because of non-receipt of progress report on construction etc. In a few cases, the construction of Youth Hostels could not be started as the development work like construction of boundary wall, provision of water & electricity could not be ensured by the State Government. Keeping the above in view, the Ministry has been pursuing with State Governments at various levels from time to time including d.o. letters from the Minister of State (YA&S) and Minister (YA&S).